



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application)
SATO *et al.*)
Application 10/077,163) Art Unit 1634
Filed: February 15, 2002) Examiner Bradley L. Sisson
For: HYBRIDIZATION REACTION METHOD)
AND HYBRIDIZATION DEVICE)
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0058)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

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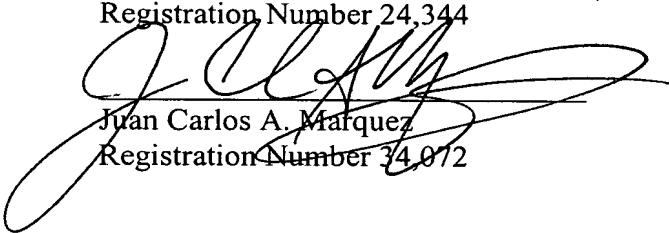
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, the shortened period for response to which will expire on August 30, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group II, drawn to a hybridization device, without traverse. Claims 3 through 11 claim pertain to the elected group.